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PRESS RELEASE

PARLIAMENT PASSES THE PUBLIC HEALTH BILL 2022

The Parliament of Sierra Leone has on Friday 18/11/2022 debated and passed into law with some amendments the Bill entitled "The Public Health Bill 2022", which seeks to address issues relating to public health and safety in Sierra Leone.

The bill seeks to repeal and replace the Public Health Act, of 1960, to provide for the promotion, protection, on and improvement of public health and well-being in Sierra Leone, to provide for the protection of individuals and communities from public health risks, to provide for the prevention and control of the spread of infectious diseases, to provide for local government and community participation in protecting public health, to provide for early detection of and prompt response to diseases and public health threats and to provide for other related matters.

Earlier, the said bill had been debated by MPs bringing out its significance towards the development and improvement of the health sector.

The Legislative Committee Chairman, Hon. Sulaiman Marry Conteh presented the Legislative Committee Report to the House on the Bill for consideration.

The Minister of Health and Sanitation, Dr. Austin Demby piloted the enactment of the Bill.

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